



Guide Map - East

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator
Grid: 10,000 meter, Zone 13
Horizontal Datum: 1927 North American Datum



Hunting

- Hunting on the Refuge is subject to Federal and State regulations. For current regulations, contact the nearest game warden (AGS) or the nearest law enforcement agency. State regulations apply to hunting on the Refuge.
- Big game hunting seasons and harvest guides on the Refuge may be obtained from the Refuge office. Check Refuge regulations or Wildlife Stations by May 1 of each year, for specific information.
- Hunting license is required.
- Hunting on the Refuge is permitted for male deer, white-tailed deer, pronghorn, lagodon sheep, elk, bighorn sheep, and upland game birds.
- Coyote hunting is allowed from the first day of the antelope rifle season through the last day of the antelope rifle season. Coyotes may be hunted only from 12 hour before sunrise to 12 hour after sunset (no permit required). Coyotes cannot be hunted with the aid of electronic devices, including but not limited to, night vision devices, thermal imaging devices, or night vision goggles.
- Waterfowl and upland game bird hunting is allowed in accordance with State seasons and limits.
- Hunters must use and carry only non-toxic shot in the field while hunting waterfowl on the Refuge.
- The use of dogs for hunting waterfowl is prohibited on the Refuge. During periods other than hunting seasons, dogs must be on a leash and not left unattended.
- All other wildlife is protected.
- The use of artificial lights and/or electronic calls to attract, search for, or spot wildlife is prohibited.

Fishing

- While transporting firearms in vehicles over designated routes of travel, firearms must be unloaded and cased in a secure container, and stored in a locked container, and must be stored in a locked container when legal for the species pursued.
- In conjunction with a legal hunt for waterfowl, hunters may use electronic devices, including but not limited to, night vision devices, thermal imaging devices, or night vision goggles.
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- Fishing licenses are permitted on the Refuge from December 1 to March 31. The owner's name and address must be attached to the outside wall of the structure.
- Boating is permitted on the Refuge.
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- Refuge Boundary
- Ranger Wildlife Station
- Interpretive Center
- Interpretive Kiosk
- Seasonally Closed
- Highway
- Federal Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- State Route
- Access
- Landing Area
- No Landing Area
- Landing Zone
- Landing Area to Landing Area
- General Land Ownership
- BLM
- State of Montana
- Private
- Other
- Special Designation Area
- Proposed Wilderness
- Miscellaneous
- Historic Sites & Campsites
- Navigational Marker

Hiking and Horseback Riding

- Use of dead and downed wood for campfires is allowed on the Refuge.
- All humans, dogs, cats, and other animals are prohibited from hunting.
- Help keep the land and wildlife healthy. Please pick up all trash, and restore your campsite to a natural condition when you leave.
- Cautions - back-country travel, whether by foot or on horseback, requires special preparations and precautions. Trails are unmarked.
- Back-country travelers should be familiar with the isolated character of the Refuge and should be prepared to change rapidly - be prepared. Expertise with map and compass is recommended.
- A back-country travel permit is required on the Refuge to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Contact any Refuge office for a list of approved vendors.
- Types of rock animals must be tied, bobbed, or picketed while in camp. No enclosures may be used to contain animals.

Aircraft

- Aircraft may not land on the uplands of the Refuge.
- The use of aircraft over Refuge lands is strictly prohibited.
- Landing of fixed-wing aircraft on the Refuge is permitted on the Refuge from December 1 to March 31. The owner's name and address must be attached to the outside wall of the structure.
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Collection of Natural Items and Artifacts

- Collection of dead animals and animal skulls is illegal. These items are an important source of renewable cadaver for the deer, and other wildlife on the Refuge.
- There are many interesting historic buildings on the Refuge. Please enjoy them as they are, and do not remove parts of the buildings or artifacts.
- Do not remove natural items like fossils, rocks, dried wood, and black diamond willow from the Refuge.

Wilderness Area

- The U.L. Bead Wilderness Area, shown on the west map, is part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Over 20,000 acres in size, this area has been designated as a wilderness area.
- Except where designated as closed, camping (other than backpacking) must take place within 100 yards of the boundary of the wilderness area. Backpacking is permitted within 100 yards of numbered roads that are designated as open.
- Direct access to designated wilderness areas is prohibited. Access is permitted to and from temporary overnight campsites within 100 yards of numbered roads designated as open. Select the route that causes the least damage to soils and vegetation.
- All camping is limited to 2 weeks with any 30 day period. Any property including camping equipment, books, and other items must be stored in a locked container for a period in excess of 72 hours is subject to removal.
- Please check at any Refuge office for current restrictions during any period of closure.
- Only small fires and make sure that your fire is completely out when you leave. Campfires must be attended at all times.

Accessibility Information

- Equal opportunity to participate in activities of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is available to all individuals regardless of physical or mental ability.
- Small F-1 for a free connection to the Refuge is available to all individuals with a physical or mental disability.
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